

**Area Committee Meeting March 10, 2018
Three Lakes, WI
Minutes**

The Area Chair opened the meeting immediately following the Delegate's Workshop.
Welcome to first-time attendees.

Housekeeping and guidelines read by Area Chair, Jeff Davis including voice/vote explanation, and 4 minutes for DCM reports & 2 minutes for comments. Votes will be by substantial unanimity or 2/3 major vote unless otherwise stated.

Opened with moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

Traditions read by Derek T., Past Delegate Panel 66

Timer: Kathy, Dist 20

Counters: Kurt & Gloria

Roll Call:

Area Officers:

Area Chair / Alternate Delegate, Delegate, Secretary, Treasurer, Registrar

Committee Chairs:

Corrections MI & WI, CPC, Finance, Grapevine Chair, Now & Then, Literature, Public Information, Structures & Guidelines, Treatment

DCM's:

01, 02, 03, 04, 05, 07, 08, 10, 13, 17, 18, 20, 21, 23

Past Delegates present today: Marty L, Panel 62, Derek T, Panel 66, Jeff C-Panel 56

Minutes from the 12/09/17 Area Committee Meeting were approved with corrections on Page 2, questioned on how to sign the final sheet of minutes being submitted to Archives and current secretary signs. Motion to approve and 2nd. Minutes approved.

DCM Reports – (See page 9-18).

14 DCM'S were present today.

Delegate's Report – (See Page 6-8)

1. Unfinished Business:

Jeff C, Editor of Now & Then. Stated that the census is to move it forward. One person approached him about it. I suggest DCM's talk to their groups. 669 Registered groups, 452 valid email addresses. About half are receiving it. Mailing wise there are about 200, but doesn't have exact number. Edit the addresses each month. Explained the printing edits and space used on hard copies. Any DCM's have any reports. District 5 voted to move it forward.

Randy – have sent an email asking what the Groups think and hopefully get feedback.

Jason L – Is there anybody here that is opposed to the newsletter going electronic?

Ron – Just do it. (Like Nike tag)

Matt – feedback has been positive, and groups said go ahead and go electronic.

Jeff – Advisory Action that every group receives it. Until Assembly changes that, that's the way we have to do this.

Jason – motion to eliminate the printed copies unless requested by GSR's. save over \$700/year. Added verbiage that printed copies will no longer be available.

Char – Where is it written? Is it in the Guidelines? That every group shall have a printed copy?

Jeff C will have to look and see if it was noted with the previous editors or in the guidelines.

Char – point 2 is District 02 moved to have Now & Then Hard Copies stopped and go electronic version.

Financial stand point, a current budget of \$7000, you will take a lot of that way, what will the area do with that. If they hold back \$10 from area contribution, so be it. It's still self-supporting.

Derek – 2 things, read a portion of the Guidelines of the Newsletter and a couple of observations. 7.0 and hasn't heard any feedback against moving to electronic. Such a huge line item in our budget and a huge disproportion to other things we can do to carry the message to the Alcoholic.

Jeff, Bob and Kathy, previous editors, floated this forward 4 years ago and it was basically a no. It wasn't 2/3, so it go shot down then.

Dawn, S&G, Advisory Actions, nothing under Now & Then, so there was never any advisory action taken on it.

Motion is already put forward by Barry. It should be approved on the agenda for the Assembly next month.

Char wanted the Secretary to read the Motion that was done by Barry.

Motion: By Barry, I move that the Editorial Staff of the Now & Then move toward the digitalization of the Now & Then Newsletter. AA Servants that are provided a Now & Then newsletter would be afforded the opportunity to request a hard copy of the Now & Then if they have no email or other means to receive the publication digitally. Those who wish to purchase a subscription of the hard copy of the Now & Then would have that opportunity. Barry B, CPC Chair.

Jason – include verbiage in that motion, if you will, further there should be verbiage added to future copy saying that printed copies are available at the districts. Just to put it out there for anybody that might be unsure where to get that information.

Michelle Z – Agree to bring this to the Assembly and had talked about it with District 10 and didn't hear anyone disagree. Thought it was going to the Assembly.

Jeff C – Said it was put in the last minutes that this will be discussed at the next ACM. Put out a presentation so they would have an informed decision and able to discuss at the next

area assembly.

Char – ACM, Motion was tabled. Motion was not put on this ACM. There was a question by a couple of people on how it was stated in the minutes, with as how Michelle had stated in the at the beginning of the meeting, because it had not gone to the Assembly yet. And the intent was that it would be talked about again here after we sought feedback from our districts, talk about it again and make the decision to go forward and present at the April Assembly.

Jeff – Information feeding frenzy was the purpose, so they are well informed.

Derek – has discussion been about the Website and were going to digital only.

Jeff – there has been this discussion, and concern of anonymity

Randy – if electronic website, what is the cost 1.21 to mail a 16 page and it was 450 copies cost almost \$800 and cost to print too.

James – there is a motion to have the Webmaster post the Now & Then in a secure area? Talked about at the last assembly, because we didn't have time. Committee will discuss and make a motion the have webmaster post in a secure place on the Website.

Sara, Oct 28th at the Assembly, Terry B, PI Chair, Area 74 public Info committee would like to direct the area 74 webmaster to begin updating archival and current editions of the newsletter of delegate area 74 now and then to the area 74 secure password protective page known as the area 74 service page.

Was there a vote? No, because we ran out of time at the last meeting but was presented. So, it should be added to business at our next assembly.

Gail – Terry and I talked about past issues of Now and Then, and all past issues were available digitally back in October and that's why Terry presented that motion back in October. And 2, was brought to her group, and group voted to have the Now & Then sent digitally.

Jason – the person that put that motion in no longer has a voice at the assembly, so there is an amendment to be made. So would it be wise to reconstruct the motion that has a voice in the vote and present that in its place, for a motion to strike the old one and make a new one and add verbiage that states hard copies are available upon request.

Michelle Z – thought if it came from area committee, it makes it an automatic 2nd motion. I don't know if we need to change who made the motion. Thought there is verbiage in here about AA Service where provided a Now & Then Newsletter with the reported opportunity to request a hard copy of the Now & Then if they have no email or other means to receive the publication digitally. It was in the motion.

The more complicated you make the motion, the harder it is to get to pass. So a lot of this is simply "ok go digital" now let's work on how we're going to do that. And fortunately, we have 6 weeks until the Assemblies to get this hammered out. And my goal is to start actually going with the July 1st edition. So we could work out a lot of the details. We start to get motions, we start to add on to them and everybody wants to refer to guidelines...

*Any other discussion....Motion will move to April Assembly Agenda for Vote.

2. Now & Then Co-Editor Position vacancy:

Co-Editor has taken leave of absence and is not coming back. Right now, Jeff C is Editor as opposed to co-editor. Heard back from 1 person who is interested. Anyone else may be interested because he should not continue to do this service position alone. Whatever the Area decides with the positions of the co-editors, or if anybody else is interested, talk to your groups and see if anyone is wanting the position with in the next couple weeks, and then I can always come forward and that can get us through until the next rotation. Will serve as long as Area desires.

Brent H – Take volunteers, check their credentials and then offer it up to assembly.

In the same format as Asst. Sec or Asst. Treasurer. That's the way that's been as co-editor.

3. New Business:

1. April 7, 2018 Agenda: Winter Assembly APPROVED with 2 corrections. Unanimous to approve. Zero opposed.

Unfinished Business:

Tabled Motion for PI

Mike bringing motion for ASL for signage

Now & Then Motion form Barry

New Business:

Approval for Co-Editor

Chair will get that out Get out to Now & Then by the 15th

2. May 19, 2018 Spring Assembly Agenda APPROVED. Unanimous. Zero opposed.
3. Ad-Hoc Committee on WICYPAA report – Bob D. (Ad-Hoc Chair) Request to withdraw from today's agenda. Does not have a report to give today. But wants to ask the Finance Committee would be willing to accept a friendly amendment to the motion that was presented to the Committee.

The current motion states: The Area 74 Assembly establish the termination on accepting contributions from any established YPAA entities recognized by GSO.

The Committee would like to ask, Would you accept the friendly amendment, to state, the Area 74 Assembly establish the termination on accepting contributions from any APAA entity recognized by GSO.

And the background reason would be, If we make the termination on YPAA and A contribution is sent from one of these other APAA entities recognized by GSO, we are going to be right back at in this boat possibly in a year, or two, or three, having to deal with this lengthy discussion will we accept their check?

5-minute break while Finance Committee discusses the friendly amendment request. Request has been withdrawn.

Next Area Committee Meeting is May 20, 2018, Green Bay WI.

Meeting Concluded at 5:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Vickie R Ackley, Area 74 Secretary

Date Minutes passed and approved.

Delegate's Report: Sara Plansky-Pecor, Panel 68

Delegate's Report

To the Area Committee of Area 74

03/10/2018

Hello, my name is Sara Plansky-Pecor and I am an alcoholic. I am currently serving Area 74 as your panel 68 Delegate. Thank you for this honor and privilege to be able to serve Area 74 in this capacity. Please know that I will do everything I can to be able to best serve Area 74 and our beloved program of Alcoholics Anonymous.

I attended the District 01 AA Intergroup in Green Bay on January 20, 2018. This event had two wonderful speakers who touched my heart as they both were connected to my first sponsor in Alcoholics Anonymous.

I had the privilege of attending the 44th Annual East Central Region Conference of Delegates Past and Present during the weekend of February 9 – 11, 2018. This event was held in Indianapolis, Indiana. The purpose of the Conference of Delegates Past and Present is to provide new delegates with a simulated General Service Conference atmosphere and provide a sharing experience relevant to the upcoming General Service Conference. There were eight past and present Area 74 trusted servants in attendance at this event. I learned a lot over this weekend and this experience gave me the opportunity to get acquainted with the other Delegates from our five-state region. I presented my two-minute "Area Highlights" report which I will be presenting at the General Service Conference in April. I could not believe how nervous I was to get up to the podium and present our Area Highlights. It brought me right back here to the first time I stood at this podium two years ago at this same event as Area 74 Area Chair. These Area Highlights will be published in the Final Conference Report which will come out later this year.

The background material came out on the Dashboard the same day it was promised which was February 15, 2018. As most of you know this became quite a project for me. I want to apologize for my limitations with using Drop Box for the first time in sending out this background material. I will assure you that I am not applying for a job on the Geek Squad at Best Buy any time soon. I did reach out to all DCM's, Area Standing Committee Chairs, Area Officers, and past delegates via email in an attempt to make sure you did receive this background material and to check if you needed anything further. Thank you for your patience with me concerning this matter. I promise I will do a better job next time in delivering this information to all those involved.

On February 24, 2018, I attended the Pre-Delegate Workshop in District 02. Thank you to all of those who took part in this event as you definitely helped me get started in preparing myself on the General Service Conference Agenda Items. Last weekend, March 2-4, 2018, I was lucky enough to be able to attend the West Central Region Alcoholics Anonymous Service Conference in West Des Moines, Indiana. This was a wonderful experience that has helped me even more to

better prepare myself for the upcoming General Service Conference. Thank you to Bob M., Past ECR Trustee and Panel 50 Area 74 Delegate, for being willing to bring me along to this event.

I continue to have almost daily contact either by phone or email with numerous people from Alcoholics Anonymous from Area 74 and elsewhere. I did contact GSO after receiving information from a DCM in our Area that a GSR had to pick up their GSR kit at the post office and pay postage to receive it. I was immediately contacted by the Publishing Operations Manager at GSO and informed that a GSR is not expected to pay postage for the GSR kit. I was told that the post office personnel do occasionally check the package to make sure that it meets all the requirements to be classified as "media mail" and assess additional charges if they deem that it does not. The Publishing Operations Manager thinks that is what happened in this case and asked that I inform her if the group would like to be reimbursed for the additional charge. If anyone else in our Area has experienced this same thing I would ask that you contact me about it.

I have been invited to participate in several upcoming workshops. Please let me know if and when you would like me to come to your District or Workshop to report on the happenings of the General Service Conference or any other topic you desire. I am here to be of service.

I have been invited to participate on a panel at the East Central Regional Conference August 24-26, 2018 in Kalamazoo, Michigan. The flyers are out for this upcoming event and they are available at the front table. If you are interested in attending this East Central Regional Conference get in touch with me and if there are enough people wanting to go together, we may be able to rent a van.

I have submitted all of the numerous forms required for my attendance at the General Service Conference April 22-28, 2018. I am very excited to be serving on the Grapevine Committee at the Conference.

On February 20, 2018, I did receive a letter that was sent out from the General Manager, Greg Tobin, from the General Service Office of AA stating that a stipulation was filed with the New York State Supreme Court by AAWS to voluntarily dismiss the case between Alcoholics Anonymous World Services, Inc. and the holder of the 1939 Printer's Copy Manuscript of Alcoholics Anonymous, our Big Book. I did forward this email out to the Area 74 Committee as well as the Past Delegates. If anyone here has not received a copy of this letter and would like me to send it to them, please let me know either after the Area Committee Meeting today or in an email.

There is an opening for an appointed Committee Member for C.P.C. at the General Service Office. The deadline for submitting applications is May 1, 2018. For more information regarding this opening please see Box 459 or see me for details. Last night, I did forward to the Area Committee and Past Delegates the General Service Board unapproved minutes and committee reports from the Board Weekend in January.

Thank you again for the opportunity to serve Area 74 and A.A. as whole. I would like to thank everyone for attending the Delegate's Workshop today as well as the Area Committee Meeting. I appreciate your time and thank you for the work you did today in preparing me for the upcoming General Service Conference. If I can be of service in any way to you, please free to contact me any time. I am so excited to move forward with you all on this year's rotation of Panel 68 servants in Area 74 and to follow as our Big Book of Alcoholics Anonymous states on page 77, "Our real purpose is to fit ourselves to be of maximum service to God and the people about us." I am truly humbled for this experience to serve Area 74 and the Fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous.

In Love & Service,
Sara Plansky-Pecor
Panel 68 Area 74 Delegate
Northern Wisconsin/Upper Peninsula of Michigan

DCM Reports:

District 01 – Matt B.

Serving greater Green Bay Area

All of our chair positions are filled and we have GSR attendance of 12- 15 groups.

Our conference committee is well attended and all positions for committee chairs are filled.

Most of our volunteer positions for conference positions are already signed up.

A draft of our conference program is available for review.

Our district and central office are both operating within budget while maintaining prudent reserve.

Our central office recently completed a remodel of its facility and hosts are district meetings.

We are always in need of more volunteers for maintaining the central office, but somehow it continues to stay open for literature purchases and maintenance the district hotline.

Group involvement in GSO is increasing and we are reaching out to our groups for updates to registry.

Online registration is available now.

Yours in service,

Matt Buchholz

Draft of program.

Friday, May 18

Past Delegate Sharing Session Oneida Welcome

AA Skit

Open AA Speaker Meeting Movie and Popcorn

Game Room

Closed AA Candlelight meeting

5:30-6:45pm 7-7:30pm 7:30-8pm

8-9pm 9:30-? 9:30-midnight 11:30pm-12:30am

Saturday, May 1

Closed AA/AI-anon Meeting (?) Guided Meditation

Area 74 Assembly

AA Panels (2 options)

AI-anon Panel

AA Panels (2options)

AI-anon Panel

Lunch (on your own)

AA Panels (2 options)

AI-anon Panel

AA Panels (2 options)

AI-anon Panel

Banquet/ Ice Breaker Activity Open AI-anon Speaker Meeting AA Countdown

Open AA Speaker Meeting Comedian

Closed AA

Candlelight Meeting

Hospitality:

Friday 4pm-midnight Saturday 6:30am-midnight Sunday 6:30-10am

7:30-8:30am 7:30-8:30am 9am-4pm

9-10am

Sunday, May 20

Guided Meditation

Closed AA Gratitude Meeting Area Committee Meeting GSR/Home Group Panel Open AA Speaker Meeting Closing and Farewells

7-7:45am 8-9am 8-10am 8-10am 10:30-11:30am

Preliminary Program for the 2018 Area 74 Spring Conference Hosted by District 01

9-10am 10:30-11:30am 10:30-11:30am 11:30am-1:00pm 1-2pm 1-2pm 2:30-3:30pm 2:30-3:30pm 5-6:30pm 6:30-7:30pm 7:45-8pm 8-9pm 9:30-11? 11:30pm-12:30am

Registration:

Friday 4-10pm Saturday 7am-5pm

Archives/Literature/GV/CDs Room:

Friday 4-10pm

Saturday 8am-10pm (Intermittently) Sunday 8-10am

District 02 – Brent H

District 02 extends from Oshkosh in the south to Clintonville and Bonduel in the north and west from Weyauwega to Brillion in the east. There are approximately 130 meetings held in the district weekly. Our District meetings are held on the second Sunday each month at rotating venues within the district. We continue to average between 20-40 attendees. All A.A. members are invited to attend. The monthly Newsletter has a circulation of 140 hard copies and 474 electronic copies. We are still in need of 2 Local Committee Members (LCM) and a Grapevine Chair. Our committees continue to carry the message of Alcoholics Anonymous. We have feet on the ground.

Our 2019 Area Spring Conference Committee is meeting on a regular basis. We are having wonderful attendance at our planning meetings and numerous committee chairs have been filled. It will be held at the Hilton Garden Inn and Liberty Hall in Kimberly, WI. We do have a contract signed. We were required to put down a \$2000.00 deposit for Liberty Hall. We also have been informed that they require a minimum of 275 banquet meals.

On January 27th we held a GSR Workshop which was well attended. Kim R gave a Power point presentation on "The GSR and its Role". Our LCM's also gave a Power Point presentation.

We held our Pre-Delegates workshop on February 24th. Thank You to Sarah P for attending and Presenting. Thank you to all that presented. We covered the complete list of GSC agenda items.

District 03 – Danny M

District 03 is located in Wisconsin Rapids, WI. We have 11 meetings, of which nine of those are held in Wisconsin Rapids, one in Port Edwards, and one in Nekoosa.

District 03 currently has two new GSR's and an archivist, and a new treasurer. The district does not currently have a secretary.

Our District meetings are held the 3rd Thursday of each month at the Alano Club of Wisconsin Rapids. As the new DCM for 03 I am just starting to make my way around to each meeting to introduce myself as the new DCM and provide my contact information with any questions or concerns with the district, the area or A.A. as a whole.

The Tuesday Night working with others group continues to hold their open speaker meeting, the second Saturday of each month at Saint Luke's Church in Wisconsin Rapids.

District 04 – Barry M

Elections

- Elected new CPC/PI Chair to fill vacancy.

Fall 2019 Conference

- All Committee Chairs filled and accepting volunteers to staff committees.
- Had second conference planning meeting. Selected "Our Daily Reprieve" as conference theme.
- Saturday night speaker selected.
- Direction given to various committees.
- Walk through of facility planned.

Service Work

- AA had booth at "You Only Better" Health Fair. Questions were answered and handouts were available.
- Our Treatment Committee continues to provide an introduction to AA at Ascension Behavioral Health.
- Our Corrections Committee is looking for more volunteers for our jail program at Waupaca Co. Jail
- Our District is looking for ways to make meetings more accessible to persons with disabilities including options available for providing for hearing impaired persons.

Emotional Sobriety Packets

District 05 – Mary B - Verbal

All our Committees are active in the District. Someone present on the tradition and concept, beginning this again in January. The other thing we are trying to do new this year, GSR's are going to introduce a topic they want to discuss amongst themselves. This month it will be on workshops. How you create a workshop people want to attend. 15 people appear today from district 5.

District 06 – Currently Vacant

District 07 – Phil D.

- We have about 29 group meetings in our district with 27 registered groups. During October, November and December of last year, the past DCM Diane D. and myself visited each meeting to connect with the group, current GSR or mail contact. Diane took me through the process of completing the Group Change Forms and she sent them all in to Gerri Ann, our new Registrar. I learned keeping track of group information is NOT an easy process – that communications can be difficult, laborious and frustrating. Good opportunity to practice Step 11 spiritual principles! But now that it's in place, we have a readily retrievable data base with which to help our GSRs communicate with the District and Area! We tried to

encourage participation and elections, and we are fortunate to have 12 new GSRs stepping into service.

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- We held District Meetings in January and February. Having the meetings in our home instead of our local club has been well received, and our attendance has been excellent, with 8 or 9 GSRs joining in each meeting and we are privileged to have 2 of them with us here today!
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- We follow a somewhat structured agenda for each meeting to take care of District Business and then conclude with a short power-point presentation on aspects of service work. With many of our meetings experiencing declining numbers expressing little apparent interest in A.A. as a whole, it is possible that many just do not understand the service structure, and the power-points seemed a good tool for use during the District meeting. This also has been well received by members.
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- An exciting addition to our district service work is the formation of a PI committee with 2 members who will also be responsible for our CPC work – getting literature out to local facilities. We have a volunteer to head our first Archivist committee for the district who has plans of visiting ‘old timers’ in our meetings before it is too late! We have several potential volunteers to begin the process of setting up meetings in the Clark County jail again, so we would like to formalize a district corrections committee. The fine volunteers in the Medford groups and Marshfield groups have been faithfully holding meetings in Wood county and Vilas County facilities for many years.
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- On February 3rd the District hosted a successful Winter festival, with dinner, speaker, raffles, A.A. and Alanon countdowns and an excellent DJ. I heard many reports it was a fun time of fellowship – getting a chance to connect with many people from further away that haven’t been seen in a long time and share in the miracle of recovery.

District 8 – Randy O

District 9 – Norm F

District 10 – Michelle Z

I would like to welcome all of you here today to District 10. Besides Three Lakes, District 10 includes the towns of Antigo, Boulder Junction, Crandon, Eagle River, Elcho, Lac du Flambeau, Land O’ Lakes, Manitowish Waters, Mercer, Minocqua, Rhineland, St. Germain, Tomahawk, Wabeno, White Lake, and Woodruff. Our website also lists Carter, WI and Watersmeet, MI as part of District 10, but I am not sure about that, and have been corresponding with Gerri Ann as to which District those towns belong.

We have approximately 29 groups that between them hold about 42 meetings every week. Rhineland is the most active with 12 meetings a week. A few towns have only one. I also know we may be losing one or two groups in the near future because the main people involved are moving out of State.

Our monthly GSR meetings have seen an increase in attendance. We usually meet the second Saturday of every month, but changed today’s meeting to last Saturday, so we were all free to attend the Delegate’s workshop today.

All our chair positions are filled – PI/CPC, Corrections, Phone, Archives, Contact List, Special Needs, Grapevine, and Website. About 17 people attended our meeting last week.

Unfortunately, the GSRs are still a minority of the people in attendance. I plan to get out to other

meetings in the coming months to see if I can encourage some more people to get involved as GSRs.

Our Alternate DCM, Amber O, has spearheaded a committee to plan a workshop for Saturday, May 5, 2018. The theme is "Serenity in Service" and includes topics such as Sponsorship, Safety in Sobriety, What is AA?, What AA does not do, and Fellowship of the Spirit. We are looking for some people who would be willing to sit on panels, so don't be surprised if Terri B or I approach some of you and ask if you'd like to help us out. "Save the Date" flyers are over on the table by the door.

I've been very impressed with the dedication to service that the Officers, Committee Chairs, GSRs, Alternates, and even some interested AA members have shown thus far in District 10. I'm pleased to be of service in my own district and I'm really looking forward to the next couple of years.

District 11 – Currently Vacant

District 12 – Currently Vacant

District 13 – Sonny L

District 13 is located in Ashland and Bayfield Counties of North Wisconsin. The committee meeting is usually held on the 1st Monday of each month.

Meeting Schedule: There are 33 Monday thru Sunday meetings. 1 seasonal meeting that meets in the warm season.

New women's Grapevine meeting began February 7th at Northern Lakes Alano Society, Iron River WI.

New men's Big Book meeting begins March 18th at Chequamegon Bay Serenity Club, Ashland WI.

Efforts are being made in updating the meeting list that pertains to Group Service Representatives and Groups.

Financial: Financial situation is that the district is maintaining a positive financial balance.

Phone "Hot Line" (715) 682-4460: There is one call per day with 7 to 10 calls per week. Many calls are for meeting locations.

Corrections:

Bayfield County Jail: The woman's meeting is held on Thursdays. Has been doing okay, but is in need of additional woman to help with going to the jail and chairing the weekly meeting.

The men's meeting is held on Thursdays. Has not been doing okay and is need of additional men to help with going to the jail and chairing the weekly meeting.

Ashland County Jail: The women's meetings has not began yet. Is in need of women to go to the jail and help get meetings started on an ongoing basis.

The men's meetings began in November 2017 and are ongoing. There are at least 4 men involved.

Efforts are continuing to get the word out that more service workers are needed to help with the jail meetings.

Elections: The District held elections October 2017 and mentions each month about open committee positions. Current filled positions are: District Committee Member, Alternate Committee Member, Treasurer, Secretary, Corrections and Grapevine.

Area 74: In preparations for the Delegates workshop in March and Winter Assembly in April the committee shared and discussed some of the 68th General Service Conference Agenda items.

End of report

District 14 – Keith B

District 15 – Currently Vacant

District 16 – Currently Vacant

District 17 – Cindy S

Hello. My name is Cindy and I am an alcoholic. I am the new DCM for District 17. District 17 is in the Iron Mountain, MI area. We did elect a new web master since I last spoke, and he does have a District 17 AA page up and running. We have about 38 meetings in our district. Two or three are close to becoming inactive as the person who regularly opened the Club and chaired the meetings has passed away. They are still running, but with only about three AA's showing up per meeting. We are trying to get a Public Information committee to form in our District. Our GSR's are spreading the word in their home groups. I am excited to be on the MI Corrections committee because we have a strong corrections presence in our District. I am going around to various AA groups and introducing myself as DCM and asking for questions or concerns after the meeting. We have our Intergroup coming up in April and I am on the planning committee. Preparations are going well and I hope to see you all there!

Thank you.

District 18 – Shannon R

District 18 held elections in November 2017 and I was elected as the new incoming DCM. Our district is doing well. Our groups are thriving. We have a few new GSR'S participating at our monthly district meeting. It is always very exciting to have new GSR'S participating, of course we are always hoping and praying for more participation. I think that we as a district could work on figuring out a way to get the members in our District excited about AA service work.

District 18 holds a monthly District Meeting. We do a Trusted Servants Workshop for one hour before the District meeting begins. Right now, we are working through the Concepts. Next month we will be on Concept Six. We have sparked some interest with some of GSR'S by doing this workshop every month. It was asked at our last District Meeting if we should continue with the Concepts or start with Traditions. The consensus was to stay working on the Concepts because we don't hear a lot about Concepts in our district. That was very exciting to hear because it tells me we have people interested in learning about Service Work. We also take a few minutes in the beginning of our district meeting to do a GSR orientation if we have new GSR or if our current GSR have any questions on what they should be doing as a GSR. The Trusted Servant Workshop and the GSR orientation has been doing very well.

Last year we implemented a new phone system as well as a new hotline number. The transition went very smooth and is doing really good. We have a significant amount of people willing to take calls or give rides to a meeting or even go on 12 step calls.

I mentioned in the beginning of my report that I feel my district could be doing more to get our members excited about Service Work. So with that said I am going to work on getting a workshop together for District 18. The focus of the workshop will be about GSR and why GSR's are so important to the group and AA as a whole. I am thinking about having it in June. I plan on bringing this idea of having a workshop to my district to get their support and help in putting this workshop together. I am very excited, and I think my district will be as well. I will have more to report at the Winter Assembly in April.

I am very excited about my new position as District 18's DCM not only has it already been an awesome learning experience it has brought me so much closer to my god. I am truly grateful for this opportunity.

District 19 – Absent

District 20 – Cheryl A

District 20 is located in east central Upper Peninsula of Michigan. We cover about 3000 square miles over 4 counties.

We have 21 meetings covering every day of the week with lots of travel involved for many people. Some are traveling forty miles to attend a meeting.

Our District meetings have gone down in size but, I am very excited to be the incoming new DCM.

District 20 meetings are held on fluctuating Saturday's of each month in Germfask, MI. In the winter months, we have been meeting at 11 a.m. and in the summer months we meet at 6 p.m. We keep our District 20 Website updated on a regular basis for everyone to know when our meetings will be held for the month.

District 20 has a very nice website at www.district20area74aa.org. Meeting lists, flyers, minutes and a calendar of activities are all posted on the website.

Our last District Meeting was held on February 17'th at 11 a.m. We did have discussion on a workshop topic. Much discussion was also had on the low attendance at meetings and district meetings. We are working on getting new GSR's for meetings and having them attend District Meetings.

I have been attending the DCM calls on a monthly basis.

Some of us attended the Intergroup at the Negaunee Township Hall on Feb. 24'th. They had 2 very good A.A. speakers.

We do have several people attending from District 20 this weekend.

Upcoming activities:

- The next Intergroup is being held in Gladstone on March 10th.
- The next District Meeting will be held on March 17th in Germfask at 11 a.m.

District 21 – Ron

District 21 covers northern Houghton and all of Keweenaw counties in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. The area includes two universities, year-round tourism is our major industry, thus our recovery population is very transient. We strive to be available to all who visit or study here, be it the alcoholic in recovery, the alcoholic who still suffers, or their families and friends. Because of this we recognize and actively support two allied programs, Al-anon and ACOA. We currently have 25 active AA meetings, with 6 seasonal meetings restarting in mid-June. We cooperate with Houghton County's drug court, as well as local residential treatment facilities and shelters, and although not in our district, continue to support A.A. meetings at Michigan Department of Corrections, Baraga Max.

Our 24-hour A.A. hotline is answered *live* by Dial Help personnel in Houghton, meetings are listed in our local newspaper, and radio stations are running our PSA's, all at no cost. Our *abridged meeting schedule, A.A. pure*, can also be found on the Area 74 website.

Since our last Assembly we've had three well attended district meetings. All committee chair positions are filled, including the newly formed Archives committee. The suggested formation of an Accessibility / Special Needs committee was tabled after much discussion. It was determined that such requests are infrequent and best handled at the group level. Two new meetings were started this year, one on Friday at 5:15 p.m. in Houghton, is an 11th Step Grapevine Meditation meeting. The other is on Monday at 7:00 p.m. in Atlantic Mine and is a Big Book Study. Attendance at both meetings is steadily increasing.

Upcoming events scheduled include a Woman's Retreat sponsored by our two woman's groups. It will be held at the Marsin Retreat Center, Houghton, MI, on Saturday, April 21st. Flyers are probably available in this room as I speak! Also in the works is the Copper Country Intergroup that will be held at Sacred Heart Church, same as last year, Calumet, MI, on May 12th. Flyers will be distributed soon.

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District 22 – Absent

District 23 – Steven S

The following areas represent where District 23 has been directing its energy to be of optimum service to our A.A. Groups, and to Area 74 in general:

1: One primary focus of the last agenda was improving location of the District 23 Meetings to increase engagement across the District.

a) Current Status (as of 1/07/18): District 23 GSR Committee Meeting was held at Lake View Methodist Church in the Town of Hertel, WI. The information has been passed on to all active groups in the district, as well as to the *"Now & Then"* editors for future publication.

b) Topical Commentary: District 23 hopes that by making this decision, its primary purpose for doing so will be well served – that is, a more geographically central meeting place within the district benefiting all in promoting unity, equanimity of participation and in travel-time.

Secondarily, we would hope that any unintended inconvenience created for outlying groups from adjoining districts, who individually "signed-on" to District 23 in the past, will reconsider and dedicate devoting their energies into revitalizing their own respectively designated districts. In doing so, these groups might be brought back into active participation in the General Service Structure of Area 74. To those who don't mind the additional travel, we continue to welcome you.

2: District 23 continues to respectfully suggest Area 74 forego having these "District Reports" being given at the ACMs and instead be shared at the Area 74 Assemblies, as suggested in "The A.A. Service Manual".

3: As of the first of the year all elected positions are filled.

4: District 23 groups currently provide meetings at two of the County jails in the District.

5: The Shell Lake Mid-day group is currently preparing a sponsorship workshop for May 12, 2018

Thanks to All for the Honor of Serving.

District 24 – Currently Vacant